

## HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JULY 13, 2020

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, July 13, 2020, at 7:01 p.m. in via teleconference.

### Chairwoman Kelly

As Chairwoman of the Human Affairs Committee, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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***a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:***

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Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. **When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.**

Alderman Wilshire called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her. The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Vice Chair  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderwoman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Also in Attendance: Bobbie Bagley, Director of Division of Public Health & Community Services  
Bob Mack, Welfare Officer

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Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am present, I can hear you, I am alone and I am practicing social distancing.

Alderman Caron

I am here, I am alone, and I am practicing social distancing.

Alderman Klee

I am here, I can hear you, I am alone and I am practicing social distancing.

Chairwoman Kelly

I am here, I am alone, I can hear everyone and I am practicing social distancing.

Alderman Wilshire

And Alderman Wilshire is here, I am alone and I am practicing social distancing. We have Committee members present.

Chairwoman Kelly

Lovely. I believe we also have in attendance Director Bagley and Bob Mack? Yeah, I don't see anyone else, did I miss anyone? Great. So we will call for Public Comment; is there any Public Comment on any of the pieces that we will be discussing this evening? It doesn't look like there's any public on the line.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Carrie Schena, Urban Programs Manager  
Re: FY20 CAC funding to Nashua Senior Center

Chairwoman Kelly

Is there any discussion on that motion? I believe we need to call the roll on that.

Alderman Caron

Yes, please?

Chairwoman Kelly

Oh sure, Alderwoman Caron.

Alderman Caron

Thank you. I just wanted to give a little background on this for you as to why the Senior Center was looking for a funding change, if that's ok?

Chairwoman Kelly

Please, thank you.

Alderman Caron

Ok, thank you. We were working on doing our update of the personnel manual for our staff. In the meantime, Margo Bell our Executive Director was working on putting together for a part-time employee to work basically at night in trying to get programs for evenings, for people who could not come during the day to the Senior Center. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit and everything closed up and obviously we could not hire anyone. So because we have no rentals, we have no classes going on at the moment, Margo had asked if she could write a letter to the CAC to see if they would allow the Senior Center to take that money of \$11,000.00 plus and utilize it for operations towards the pandemic and the things they need to be able to open up hopefully within the next two weeks. Thank you.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you, Alderman Caron. Is there any further discussion on that motion?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-20-044**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$377,873.50 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY “FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (“FTA”) OPERATING GRANT”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

I did speak with Director Marchant, she’s unable to join us this evening, but she said this is one that comes up every few years and that the funds are from the Bureau of Adult and Elderly Services. It allows the seniors to ride for a fixed price, for free – sorry fixed route for free. That’s what I meant to say. So there’s no changes, it is just an every two-year thing. Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I would like to be a sponsor for that bill as well; I just noticed that my name was not on there.

Chairwoman Kelly

Ok perfect, I can make that adjustment. Is there any other discussion? I don’t see anybody. Do you want to call the roll please Alderman Wilshire?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly	5
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-045**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O’Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
- Alderman June M. Caron

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$190,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CARES ACT FUNDING INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY “FY2020 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

Ok the recommendation is for final passage. I believe Director Bagley is here to speak on this.

Bobbie Bagley, Director of Division of Public Health & Community Services

Yes, thank you. This is a COVID response of funding opportunity for us and it is money that will go into our Public Health Network Services Grants. It is money that will allow for us to pay for any expenses incurred from March 16 of this Fiscal Year to March 16 of Fiscal Year 2021. This is going to allow for COVID activities related to case investigation, contact tracing, to buy supplies that are needed, equipment, as well as to support any additional per diem or employees that we hire on to help with some of the response to COVID-19.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you for that explanation. Does anyone have questions for Director Bagley or want to discuss anything additional on this Motion? June, I don't see you so if you are raising your hand, I can't see it.

Alderman Caron

No, I'm all set, thank you.

Chairwoman Kelly

Can the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-046**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$159,460 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CARES ACT FUNDING INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS ("HOPWA")"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

**ON THE QUESTION**

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion on the floor is for final passage. Director Bagley would you like to speak to this one as well?

Director Bagley

Actually, Bob Mack, who is our Welfare Officer, who administers this contract will speak to this, please.

Bob Mack, Welfare Officer, Division of Public Health & Community Services.

Good evening, this is Bob Mack, can you hear me?

Chairwoman Kelly

We can hear you just fine, thanks.

Mr. Mack

Ok, terrific, I am, as Director Bagley said, I am the Welfare Officer for the City of Nashua, part of the Division of Public Health and Community Services. This funding is funding from the Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Act from the Federal Government to the City in support of clients that are part of our HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Grant. We would be contracted with the Southern New Hampshire HIV & Aids Task Force who administers the services around this funding. They have been our partner for many, many years with the HOPWA Grant. So they are in a perfect position serving this client population to administer this Grant. It would be providing essential services, supplies, basic needs for a lot of their clients as well as transportation services, possible temporary lodging of there is any sort of need for isolation/quarantine and personal protective equipment.

This Grant can also serve not only the clients that are part of the City’s HOPWA Grant Program, but some of the other clients that Southern NH HIV & AIDS Task Force serves as well. I don’t know if there are any questions?

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you. Are there any questions from the Committee? OK, would the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-047**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman Skip Cleaver  
 Alderman June M. Caron  
 Alderman Thomas Lopez

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$162,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES “FY21 AND FY22 HIV PREVENTION GRANT”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

Ok, Motion on the floor is for final passage. Director Bagley, did you want to talk about this one?

Director Bagley

Sure, thank you. Bobbie Bagley, Director of Division of Public Health & Community Services, again. This is funds that will support the HIV Prevention Activities that we do in the community which is housing and testing as well as outreach to help identify individuals who are at risk for or who have contracted HIV. It allows for us to work with our partners in the community to reduce the spread of this infectious disease. This is money that comes from the Department of Health & Human Services for our Community Health Department.

Chairwoman Kelly

OK, any questions from the Committee? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
 Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-048**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd

Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman June M. Caron

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$99,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES “FY21 AND FY22 STD PREVENTION GRANT”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion on the floor is for final passage. Is there discussion on that Motion? Now Director Bagley, this looks like it is similar to the previous ones, something we do every year?

Director Bagley

This is something we do every year for the prevention of STD Infections, allows for us to hold clinics and to do exams for folks that present with signs and symptoms of STD. So it is a grant that we get every year for the City of Nashua.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you for repeating every year what it is for, I appreciate it. Clerk, would you like to call the roll please?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-049**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O’Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$97,500 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES “FY21 AND FY22 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM OF GREATER NASHUA”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion is for final passage; is there any discussion on that motion. I actually have a question. I assume this is our annual immunization program. If there is a COVID immunization within this would you use this or would you use additional funds?

Director Bagley

Alderswoman, this is for immunizations that we provide annually for our flu and our childhood vaccinations. If there, when and if we do get our COVID vaccination, there will be additional funds to cover that. So this is for the childhood vaccinations and the adult vaccinations that we do regularly.

Chairwoman Kelly

I appreciate that thank you. Does the Committee have any additional questions? Alright, Clerk, please call the roll.

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderswoman Kelly	5
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-050**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderswoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$52,500 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES "FY21 AND FY22 TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM OF GREATER NASHUA"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion is for final passage; is there any discussion on that motion? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-20-051**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$45,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES “FY21 AND FY22 HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD POISONING CASE MANAGEMENT”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The motion on the table is for final passage. Does the Committee have questions or discussion on this motion? I actually have a quick question; you may not be able to answer it. But I am going to be hopeful here, or maybe it will come off as not knowing what I am talking about. But if lead paint has been outlawed, at what point do we finally not need this programming for?

Director Bagley

Well I mean lead in paint has been removed for quite a while. We do have a lot of older housing in New Hampshire and in Nashua. So until all of those homes, there has been some remediation to remove all the lead from all of our older homes, then we won't need this anymore. But that has not happened. And so as we continue to work towards doing education, health promotion around lead exposure in the homes, we will continue to administer these activities with home visits once it is identified through blood testing unfortunately for lead poisoning.

Chairwoman Kelly

I appreciate that and thank you for indulging my question. I appreciate that you guys do this hard work every year. Just looking for a time when we don't have lead paint anymore. Alright, if there's no other discussion than I will have the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Caron

May I?

Chairwoman Kelly

You sure can, Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Ok, thank you. Since Director Bagley is on the phone, I just want to thank her and her group for going to the Nashua Senior Center last week and doing a walk through with staff and giving them some good information so that we can open safely in two weeks. We really, really appreciate all the time and effort that you put in in helping us out. And as a member of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you personally.

Director Bagley

You are very welcome, Alderman Caron. And I will let the staff know that you acknowledged their help and support. We look forward to doing what we do. So thank you.

Chairwoman Kelly

That's great. Is there any other discussion from the Committee? None? Public? I don't see any on here unless someone snuck on while we were chatting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,  
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Committee Clerk